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Today I learned

Some WWII sailors drank "torpedo juice"

It was fruit juice mixed with the alcohol found in torpedo fuel. The Navy added poison to deter this. It didn't work.

A group of cats is sometimes

referred to as a "glaring." (Especially if they don't like each other...)

This is called a dado rail.

Used to protect wallpaper from chairs hitting it.

An artist named Sam Van Aken used grafting techniques

to create trees that flowered with 40 varieties of stone fruit on one plant.

What time is it at the South Pole?

Whatever time you like: time zones are meaningless there.

Aluminum chloride is used in antiperspirants.

Early formulas were acidic enough to eat holes in clothing over time.

"I have a habit of letting myself be lectured on the things I know best. I like to see if they are understood in the same way I understand, for there are many ways of knowing the same thing."

-Alfred de Vigny

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